

FINAL SIC/NAICS DATA STANDARD

Standard Industrial Classification System Data Elements

This State/EPA data standard was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency on January 20, 1999 and by the Environmental Data Standards Council on May 31, 2000.

1.0 Description of Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC)

The SIC codes are a set of codes used to classify the economic activities of most of the industries or kinds of business establishments in our economy. The SIC classification system defines economic activity into 10 divisions. These are further broken down into numeric codes that define major [industrial] groups, industrial groups, and industries. Descriptive text is also available to define industrial subdivisions. For example, B is the division code for mining. Numeric codes are hierarchical, as 10 - metal mining, 101 - iron ores, and 1011- establishments primarily engaged in mining, beneficiating, or otherwise preparing iron ores and manganiferous ores valued chiefly for their iron content.

1.1 Standard Data Elements (DE) for Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC)

Data Element (DE) Name	Definition
Industrial Classification Division Code	The code that represents a division in the economy that covers an economic activity (1-char).
Industrial Classification Major Group Code	The code that represents a major group of industrial classifications (2-digits).
Industrial Classification Group Code	The code that represents a group of related industries within the economy (3-digits).
Standard Industrial Classification Code	The code that represents the economic activity of a company (4-digits).
Industrial Classification Subdivision Text	The text that describes a specific component of an industry (can contain up to 96 characters).

North American Industry Classification System

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2.0 Description of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

The NAICS is organized similarly to the SIC codes. Economic activities of business establishments are grouped hierarchically into economic sectors, economic subsectors, industry groups, and industries. Industry classifications are further subdivided into national classifications that are specific to the needs of each country, for example, 33 - manufacturing, 334 - computer and electronic product manufacturing, 3346 - manufacturing and reproduction of magnetic and optical media, 33461 - manufacturing and reproduction of magnetic and optical media, 334611 reproduction of software.

2.1 Standard Data Elements (DE) for North American Industry Classification System

Data Element (DE) Name	Definition
North American Industry Classification Sector Code	The code that represents an economic sector (2-digits).
North American Industry Classification Subsector Code	The code that represents an economic subsector (3-digits).
North American Industry Classification Group Code	The code that represents a group of related industries within the economy (4-digits).
North American Industry Classification Industry Code	The code that represents an industry within the economy (5-digits).
North American U.S. National Industry Classification Code	The code that represents a subdivision of an industry that accommodates user needs in the United States (6-digits).